(c) Action, including prosecution, against suspected illegal migrants is taken by the State Governments/Police concerned and as such data of prosecutions/convictions of illegally staying foreigners are not maintained centrally.

Increase in Consumption of Alcohol

2186. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consumption of alcohol by students and teenagers are alarmingly increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details of increase of percentage of alcohol drinking by students/teenagers in the country for the last five years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the existing laws are in sufficient to prevent the sale of alcohol to teenagers; and

(d) if so, what are the steps Government propose to take to prevent the sale of alcohol in public places alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, the consumption of alcohol and drugs within the age group of 12-17 years has remained around 2% of the total addicts who availed the services through the Non Government Organisations during the period 1998—2001.

(c) and (d) As the production, manufacture, possession, transport, purchase and sale of the intoxicant liquor falls under entry 8 of the State List to the 7th Schedule of the Constitution, the State Governments are required to take necessary steps to prevent sale of alcohol in public places.

Smuggling of Cattle on Indo-Bangladesh Border

†2187. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government are aware that the smuggling of cattle is being done on a large scale on Indo-Bangladesh border as per the report of Zee News at 9.00 PM on 7th February, 2002;

(b) if so, the persons involved in smuggling and the steps so far taken by Government to stop it; and

(c) by when the smuggling would be completely stopped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Reports received indicate the involvement of persons including residents of border villages in smuggling of cattle. In order to check such activities, the following, steps are being taken to stop smuggling of cattle and other illegal activities on the border-

(i) Round-the-clock surveillance of the border by patrolling;

(ii) Erection of fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(iii) Conduct of special operations;

(iv) Up-gradation of intelligence network;

(v) Use of night-vision devices;

(vi) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties; and

(vii) Forward shifting of BOPs and OP Towers for better observation.

Outstanding Dues of NDMC and MCD

†2188. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding dues of NDMC and MCD on Embassies, State Bhawans and Departments of Central Government in terms of electricity, water charges and property tax;

(b) whether NDMC has urged the Centre for its intervention for recovery of their outstanding amount; if so, the decision taken by Government on NDMC's request; and

(c) the action Government will take for recovery of dues at the earliest from the same and by when?

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